Monadnock Regional School District (*MRSD*)
SEALED
Non-Public Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2014
MRMS/HS Auditorium, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: James Carnie, Pat Bauries, Mike Blair, Richard Thackston, Betty Tatro, Barry Faulkner, Eric Stanley, Lisa Steadman, E. Jacod and Phyllis Peterson. **Absent:** Robert Smith, Winston Wright and unassigned from Roxbury.

Also present: L. Corriveau, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, T. Kennett, Director of Student Services, J. Fortson, Business Manager and L. Aivaliotis recording secretary.

Also Present: Callie and her family.

7:00 PM RSA 91-A3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. L. Corriveau explained to the Board a student has asked permission to finish her senior year at Monadnock. The Board policy states the issue must come before the Board. L. Corriveau explained the family situation. He said she is an outstanding student. The father asked the Board to allow his daughter to finish her senior year at Monadnock. **The student, her parents and her grandparents leave non-public session. MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to allow Callie Grotton to finish her senior year at Monadnock. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **DISCUSSION:** The Board discussed the issue. P. Bauries asked if the Board could ask Keene for the adequacy monies. She asked that a letter be sent. R. Thackston commented we could at least ask. B. Tatro commented there are exceptional circumstances and the grandparents have contributed to the school district. It would be a loss to the school if she left. L. Steadman suggested asking for $250.00 a quarter for tuition. J. Carnie commented tuition is $16,445.00. He would agree in principal but we have an obligation to the taxpayers. We need to make a solid effort to recover a dollar amount. Keene has an obligation. R. Thackston commented the Board needs to make a decision and then ask Keene. That is the correct thing to do. L. Steadman suggested the District not pay for River Valley if she took courses. The family would be responsible and if she is valedictorian or salutatorian she would not be allowed to accept. L. Corriveau stated the policy needs to be tightened up. B. Faulkner stated the cost to the district is less than the average cost. L. Corriveau stated it is a percentage of the tuition. B. Faulkner said it is a nominal cost. B. Tatro commented on the cost of the Student Government President, Class President and an amazing student. J. Carnie commented there is a serious cost. He agrees she is a good student and it is the right decision to allow her to stay but we need to get a sizable amount. We need to make a serious effort from Keene. K. Craig agrees it is the right decision. There is a policy. The student has been in Keene for two years and we were notified. L. Corriveau spoke to the Superintendent of Keene and they will not pay. E. Stanley suggested allowing her to stay and deal with the other issues separately. M. Blair commented her leadership outweighs the cost. **VOTE:** 8.307/2.243/0/2.450. **Motion passes. MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** any additional course work will be at her out of pocket expense. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10.550/0/0/2.450. **Motion passes. MOTION:** J. Carnie **MOVED** to have the

District through the Superintendent make an effort to get compensation for the situation from the KSD. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 10.550/0/0/2.450. **Motion passes.**

Callie, her parents and grandparents return to the meeting. R. Thackston explained the Board has agreed to allow Callie to finish her senior year at Monadnock**.** He explained she will have to pay for any extra courses such as River Valley or advance placement and if she is chosen as the valedictorian or salutatorian she will not be able to accept. The father agreed.

MOTION: B. Faulkner **MOVED** to go out of non-public session. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 10.550/0/0/2.450. **Motion passes.**

These minutes were sealed in Public Session until July 1, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording secretary